

15. CONCLUSION/RECOMMENDATION

The Upper Saginaw River is in need of a dredged material disposal facility; all maintenance dredging of the upper river has ceased, and will remain so until a suitable disposal site is located and constructed. Unless new disposal areas are developed, deep draft navigation channels will continue to shoal, which would threaten the viability of the channel as a means to efficiently move goods and commodities.

Accordingly, it is recommended that the Detroit District proceed with detailed design and plans and specifications for the Base Plan presented in the Phase II Final Dredged Material Management Plan document to provide management of dredged material for a 20-year period for Upper Saginaw River.

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